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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/666,364
Filing Date	September 20, 2000
First Named Inventor	Hideo SUZUKI
Group Art Unit	2173
Examiner Name	S. Becker
Attorney Docket No.	393032019700

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCE's (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
  - a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.  Enclosed
    - i.  Amendment/Reply
    - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Miscellaneous**
  - a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
  - b.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-1952. Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate.
    - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
    - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed | 08/02/2004 CCHAU1 00000121 031952 09666364
  - c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) | 02 FC:1801 770.00 DA

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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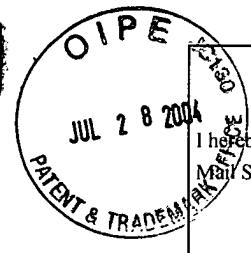
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Hideo SUZUKI et al.

Serial No.: 09/666,364

Filing Date: September 20, 2000

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
EDITING PERFORMANCE DATA  
WITH MODIFICATIONS OF MUSICAL  
SYMBOLS**

Examiner: S. Becker

Group Art Unit: 2173

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated January 29, 2004, and in further response to the Advisory Action dated June 10, 2004. A three-month extension of time is requested to extend the date of response to the final Office Action to July 29, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: